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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS GLORIA MOLINA
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April 5, 2005

The filming industry is very important to the economy of Los Angeles County, and this Board has instructed County departments to cooperate as much as possible with filmmakers to support their productions.

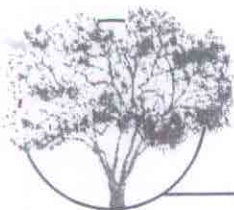
A request was made by Bench Production, LLC, to film baseball scenes in a park setting. The company has worked with the Department of Parks and Recreation to determine an appropriate location to develop a “dream field” for these specific scenes, and is proposing to renovate an existing ball field at Eugene Obregon Park in East Los Angeles. Filming will take place for one week, after which the community will benefit by enjoying the use of a much-improved baseball facility.

The proposed improvements will include installation of a new electronic scoreboard, an announcer/spotters booth behind the backstop (pending plan check approval), two new batting cages, a new roof and back and sidewalls added to the dugout, regarding and smoothing out the field with new clay/dirt, cleaning the edges between the grass and dirt infield, reseeding existing grass, plus appropriate painting and cleanup. The value of the improvements will be \$63,000 for materials and labor.

Donations over the amount of \$10,000 require authorization by this Board, therefore, we move that the Board authorize and approve the donation of ball field improvements at Eugene Obregon Park, and further move that the Executive Officer be instructed to prepare a letter of appreciation to Bench Production, LLC for this generous donation.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



April 27, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Russ Guiney
Director

SUBJECT: **ADJUSTMENT TO DONATION OF APRIL 5, 2005 FOR
OBREGON PARK BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

On April 5, 2005, the Board accepted, with thanks, a donation of ballfield improvements valued at \$63,000 from Bench Production, LLC to renovate an existing ball field at Eugene Obregon Park in East Los Angeles. The intent was to make the field in to a "dream field" to be used to film baseball scenes in a park setting.

Once filming began at other locations, the film's director made adjustments to the script and determined he wanted to use a stadium setting rather than the scenes proposed at Obregon in a park setting.

In a magnanimous gesture of graceful withdrawal, the production company is still going to provide many of the previously planned improvements. It will be giving the park a new electronic scoreboard, providing the baseball league with new uniforms and donating funds to the tiny tots and afterschool programs. They are also leaving it to us to select another major improvement such as the announcer's booth, new dugouts, etc. for the ball field.

The production company's location manager has highly complimented those within the County who worked with his company as extremely competent, accommodating and professional.

So, even though there may be some disappointment within the community that there will not be the excitement connected with the actual filming, this certainly is a winning situation for the community using Obregon Park.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please call me at (213) 738-2951; or your staff may contact Sheila Ortega at (213) 738-2963.

RG:so

c: Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Park Deputies